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SUBJECT: VISIT OF GOVERNOR CLIFF FINCH TO EL SALVADOR

1. AT THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT ROMERO, GOVERNOR CLIFF FINCH AND A THIRTY-MAN DELEGATION FROM THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI VISITED EL SALVADOR MARCH 16-20. THE INVITATION WAS EXTENDED IN RECIPROCATATION FOR THE COURTESIES EXTENDED BY THE GOVERNOR DURING PRESIDENT ROMERO'S FEBRUARY VISIT TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

2. THE VISIT HAD ALL THE ELEMENTS OF A SUCCESSFUL GOOD WILL MISSION GEARED TO IMPROVE MUTUAL RELATIONS AND EXPAND COMMERCIAL TIES BETWEEN EL SALVADOR AND THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI. THE DELEGATION INCLUDED EXPERTS IN THE FIELDS OF TOURISM, FISHING, CONSTRUCTION, AGRICULTURE, TRADE, FINANCE AND EDUCATION.

3. GOVERNOR FINCH SAID THAT HE INTENDED TO BECOME A PROMOTOR OF SALVADORAN INTERESTS, AND HOPED TO EXPAND DIRECT AND JOINT INVESTMENT, COMMERCIAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE, AND TOURISM BETWEEN EL SALVADOR AND MISSISSIPPI.

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4. THE GOVERNOR RECEIVED RED CARPET TREATMENT FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END FROM GOES. THE EMBASSY PROVIDED ALL NECESSARY SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF HIS DELEGATION.

5. THE PROGRAM INCLUDED SPECIAL AUDIENCE WITH THE PRESIDENT, A WORKING SESSION COORDINATED BY THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, AND A VISIT TO THE FREE TRADE ZONE OF SAN BARTOLO. NUMEROUS

INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE WITH SALVADORAN BUSINESS-MEN, CONCENTRATING ON COMMERCE AND TRADE.

6. A FULL CALENDAR OF SOCIAL FUNCTIONS INCLUDED A GALA DINNER GIVEN BY PRESIDENT ROMERO AT HOTEL SHERATON, ATTENDED BY 390 INVITED GUESTS. TOP GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONARIES, BUSINESS LEADERS, AND MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS ATTENDED THE FUNCTION. THURSDAY EVENING THE AMBASSADOR GAVE A RECEPTION FOR SOME 200 GUESTS. PRESIDENT ROMERO, HIS CABINET AND OTHER IMPORTANT DIGNITARIES, INCLUDING AMERICAN AND SALVADORAN BUSINESSMEN AND TOP MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WERE IN ATTENDANCE. THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE SALVADORAN INSTITUTE OF TOURISM, AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE (ANEP) ALSO HOSTED OTHER SOCIAL EVENTS. THE GOVERNOR AND HIS ENTOURAGE SPENT THE WEEK-END AT EL TAMARINDO BEACH. THE PRESIDENT AND SOME FORTY GUESTS WERE ON HAND.

7. THE VISIT WAS MARRED BY A DEMONSTRATION OF WORKERS FRIDAY MORNING. IN A CLASH WITH THE POLICE, TEN PEOPLE, INCLUDING ONE POLICE OFFICER, WERE KILLED AND A NUMBER OF PERSONS WOUNDED, TO SOME EXTENT STEALING PRESS HEADLINES.

8. TV CHANNELS 2 AND 4 ALSO GAVE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE VISIT.

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